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## Fire Rescue Helps Save-A-Life Program Grow

Lake County Fire Rescue will celebrate the expansion of their Save-A-Life Program Monday, January 7th at the Church of All Faiths, located at 1401 Paradise Drive. At 9:00am, residents will be trained by Lake County Fire Rescue personnel how to use an Automated External Defibrillator. Valued at \$3,000, the AED unit is an electronic device designed to help patients that are in cardiac arrest. When seconds count during an emergency, trained residents will be able to administer the AED, assisting their neighbors until emergency professionals arrive. After the training session, the AED will be given to the Church of All Faiths where it will be permanently housed.

Chief Terry Seawell says, "Lake County Fire Rescue is committed to the health, safety and welfare of our residents. By providing equipment and educating residents how to use the AED, crucial minutes are saved during a medical emergency."

Over 150 residents have completed training to use the defibrillators. Should your community be interested in obtaining an AED unit and becoming part of the Safe-A-Life Program, please contact District Chief Jack Fillman, Lake County Fire Rescue at (352) 343-9458.

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